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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE
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FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR,
OCTOBER 31, FOLLOWING MRS. MARCOS' PARTICIPATION IN
INAUGURATION OF FERDINAND MARCOS CHAIR AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY
OCTOBER 27:

QUOTE MRS. MARCOS: HONOR AND IRONY

QUOTE IT WAS AS IF GRAHAM GREENE HAD INVENTED THE EPI-
SODE FOR ONE OF HIS SCRIPTS OF INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE
COMBINING HARSH EVENTS WITH WRY IRONIES AND CONTRADICTIONS.

QUOTE AFTER FIVE YEARS AS A POLITICAL PRISONER UNDER THE
REGIME OF PRESIDENT MARCOS IN THE PHILIPPINES, FORMER
NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER EUGENIO LOPEZ JR. ESCAPES WITH A
FELLOW PRISONER. IT IS NIP AND TUCK, BUT THEY FINALLY
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REACH THE UNITED STATES AND POTENTIAL ASYLUM.

QUOTE MR. LOPEZ GOES TO BOSTON FOR A VISIT. ON THAT VERY
DAY, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA, PRESIDENT
MARCOS'S WIFE RECEIVES A CITATION FOR HUMANITARIANISM FROM
TUFTS UNIVERSITY. IMAGINE THE GREENE CAMERAS CUTTING BACK
AND FORTH FROM THE FUGITIVE FIGHTER FOR FREEDOM TO THE

WIFE OF THE MAN WHO IMPRISONED HIM. PROTESTERS ARE SHOUTING IN THE BACKGROUND. MRS. MARCOS IS BEING PRAISED FOR ADVANCING THE SOCIAL WELFARE OF HER PEOPLE. TUFTS IS THANKING HER FOR THE DOLS 1.5 MILLION GRANT GIVEN BY A MARCOS FAMILY FOUNDATION TO THE TUFTS FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY.

QUOTE GREENE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO SUBTLE TO INCLUDE A FINAL SHOT OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS STILL BEING HELD BY THE MARCOS GOVERNMENT. BUT WHATEVER ELSE HUMANITARIANISM MEANS, IT MEANS HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HOPE FOR THE DAY WHEN PRESIDENT MARCOS CARRIES THROUGH FULLY ON PROMISED REFORMS, WHEN THERE WILL BE NO IRONY IN CITING A MARCOS FOR HUMANITARIANISM, AND WHEN ANY FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS AROUND WILL BE FREE WITHOUT HAVING TO ESCAPE. END QUOTE

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